



## Congressman Bud Cramer

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Since I've represented the people of North Alabama in Washington, I have seen three Presidents deliver eighteen State of the Union Address. This year, Dr. Tim Collins, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of North Alabama (UNA), was able to join me in the House Chamber for this historic event. In addition to teaching at UNA, Dr. Collins serves as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. He joined the Army Reserve in response to the September 11th Attacks. I am pleased that Dr. Collins was able to attend this year's Address, and I am confident that he will use this experience to help his students better understand our system of government.

*Bud Cramer*

### News From Washington

This month, Representative Cramer hailed House passage of a bipartisan economic stimulus package providing needed financial assistance to taxpayers in North Alabama and across the country. The vote was overwhelmingly bipartisan, 385 to 35. The Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act would give an estimated 1.8 million Alabama households relief averaging \$889. [\[more\]](#)

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President Bush presented his final State of the Union Address this month. [Click here to read Representative's reaction to this year's Address.](#)

### News From the Fifth District

Representative Cramer met with Northwest Alabama elected officials, economic development recruiters, and business leaders this month to discuss the area's preparations for National Alabama as well as other ongoing economic development issues.

Cramer said, **"It is evident that the entire Shoals' region remains committed to working together on ongoing and future economic development projects, as well as other issues facing the Shoals and our state as a whole."**

### A Gold Mouse Website!



**[HTTP://CRAMER.HOUSE.GOV](http://cramer.house.gov)**

Representative Cramer's website was named a Gold Mouse Award Winner this month by the Congressional Management Foundation (CMF).

CMF reviewed a total of 618 websites, of which Cramer's website was one of 36 to receive the Foundation's top award. CMF said Representative Cramer's website stood out from other congressional websites because it, "anticipates the needs of its audience and fulfills them clearly and concisely. It provides extensive content, including educational information about Congress using real life examples to illustrate how Congress functions." CMF cited Cramer's "Constituent Services" section, "Frequently Asked Questions" page, and "Featured Letter," as well as its overall design and layout as top examples for other offices to implement. [\[more\]](#)

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